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Four hundred and eighth meeting.

December 26, 1854. — MONTHLY MEETING.

The Academy met by invitation at the house of the President. The PRESIDENT in the chair.

Professor Felton, at the invitation of the President, gave an account of the present aspect of Greece, from personal observation during a recent visit to that country. He represented its condition as being extremely interesting, from the promise which it gives of literary and scientific development. He spoke of the schools and universities, the public press, the condition of the language, and the prevailing spirit of the people, as giving ground for sanguine expectations of the regeneration of that classic land.

Four hundred and ninth meeting.

January 9, 1855. — MONTHLY MEETING.

The PRESIDENT in the chair.

Dr. A. A. Hayes read the following paper on the present condition of the Cochituate water, entitled, "On a Remarkable Change which has taken place in the Composition and Characters of the Water supplied to the City of Boston from Lake Cochituate, by A. A. Hayes, M.D., Assayer to the State of Massachusetts."

"In the study of the chemical composition of waters used for domestic purposes, a wide field is open for inquiries of high scientific interest; as the accurate comparisons of different waters lead us through both departments of modern chemistry, the organic and inorganic. This interest is, however, secondary to the importance of careful inquiries in an economical view, as we have actions of waters on substances with which they come in contact at one point, modifying their composition, so as to render them purer, or less salubrious; and when a water passes some distance, its characters may thus be made to differ at different points. Not only is the water changed by different bodies with which it is brought in contact, but conduits of masonry or iron are in special cases rapidly destroyed.